current problems affecting the department. The institute with its laboratories, nurseries, museum and library is expected to be in full working order shortly.

The work of the department continued to be satisfactory.

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LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Excise Department for the year 1937-38.

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Letter No. B5-269—38, dated 17th October 1938, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, submitting the report on the administration of the Excise Department for the year 1937-38.

ORDER NO. FL. 4317-30—EX. 78-38-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 11TH JANUARY 1939.

Recorded.

2. The Mysore Sugar Company, Ltd., continued as contractors for the manufacture and supply of spirits from the distillery at Mandya. The number of shops licensed for the retail vend of arrack was 536 (532) and the issues to them were 136,288 (130,222) gallons. The issues of rectified spirits were 7,206 (5,669) gallons. The exports of denatured spirits rose from 199,590 gallons to 234,236 gallons. The number of shops licensed for the sale of special liquors, which include jaggery arrack, was 27 as in the preceding year.

3. There were 1,942 (1,949) shops for the sale of date toddy and 372 (373) shops for the sale of *bagani* toddy. The number of toddy-yielding trees licensed both in and outside the State was 2,30,731 (2,24,493). The revenue realised from toddy was Rs. 32,30,993 (Rs. 31,30,659).

4. The consumption of malt liquors was 22,228 (19,195) gallons and of foreign spirits 36,287 (34,255) gallons. The revenue derived from malt liquors both in the shape of rental and duty was Rs. 19,796 (23,731). The number of licenses issued for the sale of foreign liquors was 83 (77). The revenue from the sale of foreign spirits, inclusive of surcharge fees amounted to Rs. 17,110 (16,904).

5. There were 260 (256) shops licensed for the sale of ganja. The consumption was 9,533 (8,755) seers.

Shops licensed for the sale of opium numbered 89 (89) and the consumption rose to 740 (631) seers.

6. Cases reported under the excise and opium laws increased from 4,674 to 4,892, 1,026 (822) being grave offences. Including 473 (629) cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number for disposal was 5,365 (5,303). Of these, 458 (658) cases were placed before magistrates and 4,506 (4,177) cases were dealt with departmentally. Fines or composition fees were levied in 3,921 (3,642) cases, the realisations amounting to Rs. 19,052 (17,692).

7. The total demand under excise revenue, inclusive of arrears of Rs. 1,14,152 (1,44,870), amounted to Rs. 55,18,715 (54,75,177), of which a sum of Rs. 54,20,071 (53,45,791) was collected and a sum of Rs. 2,928 (15,234) was written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 95,716 (1,14,152). The expenditure amounted to Rs. 3,87,152 (3,86,902). The incidence of taxation per head of the population was Re. 0-13-6 (Re. 0-13-3). The amount refunded to privileged inamdars on account of toddy revenue was Rs. 43,472 (Rs. 82,422).

8. Sixteen (20) Chemists and Druggists were licensed to use rectified spirit in medicinal preparations. Twenty-three (25) licenses were issued to chemists and druggists for sale of preparations of opium and seventy-seven (70) licenses were issued under the Dangerous Drugs Rules.

9. The Government started from 1st July 1938 an experiment to reduce the consumption of liquor and drugs in the area served by the Closepet Rural Welfare and Health Centre. They trust that the Mysore State Temperance Federation, who are in receipt of an enhanced grant-in-aid of Rs. 2,500, will intensify their work in this area, and with the co-operation of the Village Panchayets and individuals devoted to the cause of temperance make the experiment a success.

10. The reciprocal arrangement between the Government of Madras and this Government for the marking of trees in Madras for Mysore shops and *vice versa* was terminated so far as the District of Salem was concerned, and the licensees of toddy shops of the Bowringpet Taluk who were tapping toddy-yielding trees in the Salem District for their shops in Mysore were ordered to stop the tapping of such trees from 1st October 1937 in the Salem District and take fresh trees in the Mysore State.

11. The work of the department was satisfactory.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Prescribes the Budget Calendar for 1939-40.

ORDER NO. FL. 4400-60—G. F. 200-38-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 11TH JANUARY 1939.

The attached Calendar for regulating the Budget Work for 1939-40 is approved. The object with which an interval of 13 days is allowed for items Nos. 3 and 15, respectively, in the Calendar is to secure an even flow of work in the Comptroller's Office and in the Secretariat and to avoid rush of work at the last moment. As the time available this year for preparing and completing the Budget is shorter than usual, all officers handling Budget papers are requested not to take up the entire interval but to strictly adhere to the dates fixed.

2. All estimates require to be framed with the greatest possible care. Those relating to heads of receipts should aim at forecasting the realizable result as closely as possible; and those relating to expenditure heads—Revenue and Capital—should be limited to absolute minimum requirements.

3. *No new charge of any kind and no provision for unsanctioned items should be proposed for inclusion in the expenditure estimates.* The attention of all Heads of Departments is invited to this instruction which should be strictly followed in the preparation and submission of their Budget proposals.

4. Sanctions which have not been communicated to the Audit Office on or before the 31st January 1939 need not be taken into account in framing expenditure estimates.

5. The Chief Engineer and the Muzrai Commissioner are requested to take timely action to have the detailed estimates of the Irrigation Cess Fund and General Muzrai Fund, respectively, sanctioned and transmitted, as indicated in item 22 of the Calendar, to the Superintendent, Government Printing, for being printed and supplied to the members of the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council.

6. The General Manager and the Secretary, Mysore State Railway, are requested to have the Authorization Rolls and the Capital Budget Estimates sent, through the Comptroller, to the Financial Department, with the remarks of the Auditor, for being dealt with in the same manner as the estimates of other departments.

7. The Superintendent, Government Printing, is requested to treat all Budget work as urgent and co-operate with the Comptroller in arranging for the issue of the different editions of the Budget on the due dates.

8. As provided in item No. 25 of the Calendar, action will be taken by the Finance Department to communicate to the departments concerned their Budget allotments as soon as they are provisionally fixed with a view to enable the departments to draw up without delay a suitable programme of work for the coming year and systematise their departmental operations.

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